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REMARKS

Claims 1-46 are in the subject application, as filed. The claims have been restricted to two groups. Claims 1-14, 24-31 and 39-42 have been examined in this case. Claims 15-23, 32-38, 43-46 have been withdrawn from prosecution. Applicant has amended Claim 1 to include the limitations of claim 2 and has cancelled claim 2. Claim 5 has been amended to correct a typographical error.

REJECTION UNDER 35 USC 103(a)

Claims 1-4, 24-31 and 39 are rejected as obvious over Chem Abstract 118: 9914. Applicant respectfully disagrees and argues that the present invention provides compositions having very low optical loss at telecommunications wavelengths (as stated on page 4, line 3 of paragraph [0013]). More specifically, as stated on page 19, paragraph [0045], the "energy curable compositions and polymeric materials of the present invention suitable for optical applications have an absorption loss of below about 0.5 dB/cm at a wavelength of 1550 nm." (relevant text continues) Such low loss compositions are not disclosed in the applied abstract. The only loss information in the abstract is that the coated composition did not show any transmission loss at 150 degrees for 1 month.

For the above reasons, allowance of Claims 1-14, 24-31 and 39-42 is respectfully solicited.

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If anything further is needed to advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' attorney at the telephone number below.

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